

## REMARKS

The above election along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action dated September 23, 2003 (U.S. Patent Office Paper No. 20030922), the period for response to which will expire on October 23, 2003.

### Election / Restriction Requirement

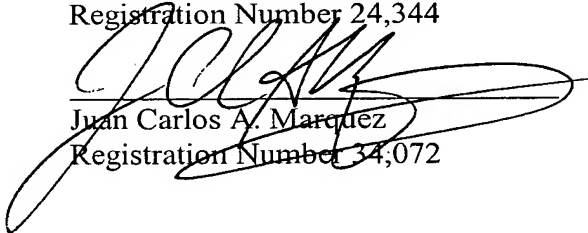
The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the substance of Claims 1 to 6 and to indicate the allowability of the claims.

Claims 1 to 6, drawn to a hybridization apparatus with case, injecting member and discharging member, have been elected in this application, while remaining claims 7 and 8 are withdrawn from further prosecution at this point, without prejudice and traverse. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

Substantive consideration of the elected claims is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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